

Thursday, 9th April, 1981.

The Gilt Edged market opened steady in very quiet trading. During the morning a little switching appeared from longs to shorts and prices in those sectors reacted accordingly, so that by lunchtime shorts were showing small gains while longs were up to  $\frac{1}{4}$  easier. Shorts retreated again during the afternoon to close at or slightly above last night's close, while longs closed at or a little above the lunchtime levels. A few buyers were seen in the Index-Linked stock which improved to  $34\frac{15}{16}$  (35% paid).

The Industrial market opened better, maintaining the upward trend. Institutional interest was encouraged by hopes of economic recovery and lower interest rates. Most sectors remained firm throughout the day, closing around the best levels. Clearing Banks returned to favour despite the unresolved staff pay dispute. However, Royal Bank of Scotland eased on fears that both bids for the company may be referred to the Monopolies Commission. Standard and Chartered Bank and Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank were steady. Electricals were in demand with Thorn-EMI sharply higher following a broker's recommendation. B.I.C.C. improved on further consideration of yesterday's figures and the beneficial effect of the latest British Rail electrification plans. The Paper sector was better with Bowater Corporation well supported after the final results and statement. Among Building shares, Taylor Woodrow were unchanged on the yearly profits, which equalled market estimates. Widespread buying appeared for Engineers, Foods and Oils. Kaffirs fluctuated narrowly in line with the bullion price.

Financial Times Index (3.00 p.m.) 547.8 (up 8.4)

<u>C.N.D.</u>	Sales	£	913,000
	Purchases		NIL
	Nett Sales on balance	£	913,000
<u>BANK</u>	Sales	£	4,979,000
	Purchases	£	19,376,000
	Nett Purchases on balance	£	14,397,000